# CLASSIFICATION OFFICE DECISION

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| **Title of publication:** | _AM_3580.JPG |
| **Other known title(s):** | Not stated |
| **OFLC ref:** | 1200304.001 |
| **Medium:** | Computer Image File Printout |
| **Publisher:** | Not stated |
| **Country of origin:** | Not stated |
| **Language:** | Not applicable |
| **Applicant:** | Comptroller of Customs |
| **Classification:** | Objectionable. |
| **Descriptive note:** | None |
| **Display conditions:** | None |
| **Date of entry in Register:** | 17 May 2012 |
| **Date of direction to issue a label:** | No direction to issue a label has been issued |

**Summary of reasons for decision:**

The publication is a close-up photograph of a young teenager's genitals. The only apparent purpose of the publication is to encourage sexual titillation and arousal. It is clearly intended to appeal to adults with a sexual interest in young persons. The image invites viewers to regard a teenage youth as an object of sexual fantasy and as such promotes and supports the exploitation of young persons for sexual purposes.

The classification interferes with the freedom of expression as set out in s14 of the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990. However, the decision is reasonable, justified and in accordance with the law. This outcome is consistent with Parliament's intention that reflects the concern of "a free and democratic society" to ban publications that exploit vulnerable young persons.